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SUBJECT: VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL EDUCATION DELEGATION TO US

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1. P&C COUNSELOR AND EMBOFFS MET JANUARY 25 WITH PAVEL N. TOKMAKOV, CHIEF OF FOREIGN RELATIONS SECTION OF STATE COMMITTEE ON VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SECTION'S NEW DEPUTY CHIEF, LEV MARTINOVICH STEPANYAN, TO DISCUSS OFT-POSTPONED VISIT BY STATE COMMITTEE DELEGATION HEADED BY CHAIRMAN BULGAKOV. STEPANYAN HAS REPLACED ANATOLIY KAIROV, CURRENTLY ON VACATION AND SLATED FOR OTHER DUTIES. TOKMAKOV CONFIRMED PREVIOUS STATEMENT THAT DELEGATION COULD TRAVEL IN FEBRUARY, SUBJECT TO COUNCIL OF MINISTERS APPROVAL FOR BULGAKOV, BUT PREFERS MARCH. CONTINGENT ON WILLINGNESS AND ABILITY OF DEPARTMENT AND HEW'S PIERCE TO ARRANGE PROGRAM, PRE-EASTER PERIOD APPEARS BEST.

2. EMBOFFS ARGUED FOR AT LEAST TWO-WEEK PROGRAM, BUT TOKMAKOV SAID CHAIRMAN HAS NEVER BEEN AWAY FORE MORE THAN SEVEN DAYS, THUS TEN WOULD BE AN EXTENDED TRIP FOR HIM. TOKAMKOV AGREED TAK QUESTION OF LONGER STAY IN U.S.
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3. DELEGATION WOULD CONSIST OF 6-7 MEMBERS FROM SOVIET UNION AND ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF SOVIET EMBASSY IN U.S. IN ADDITION TO BULGAKOV, MEMBERS CITED ARE TOKMAKOV, TETYOTKIN, AND DUMCHENKO AS MENTIONED PARA 3 REF A, PLUS A REPRESENTATIVE OF GOSPLAN RESPONSIBLE FOR FINANCE AND PLANNING AND A

WOMAN DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF A VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL
DIRECTORATE, PROBABLY FROM BREST, ANOTHER ADMINIS-
TRATOR FROM KAZAN OR GEORGIA ALSO POSSIBLE.

4. PROGRAM PROPOSED IN REF B IN GENERAL SATISFACTORY,
BUT TOKMAKOV REPEATED REQUEST TO VISIT BALTIMORE
VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL TRAINING FACILITY FOR 20,000
STUDENTS. SOVIETS INTERESTED IN STRUCTURE AND
ADMINISTRATION OF SUCH A LARGE ESTABLISHMENT; THEIRS
AVERAGE 2-3,000. HE ALSO REITERATED DESIRE TO MEET
WITH GRANT VENN, AUTHOR OF "MAN, EDUCATION AND WORK"
WHICH HE HAS READ IN ADDITION TO OTHER BOOKS PRESENTED
BY EDUCATION USA EXHIBITION AND EMBASSY.

5. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER DEPARTMENT/HEW CAN
PROGRAM SOVIET VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL DELEGATION IN
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